



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **DNR and County Officials Implementing Burn Restrictions in Lewis County**

CASTLE ROCK – Effective 12:01 A.M., July 7, 2009, the Washington Department of Natural Resources (WADNR) in cooperation with officials from Lewis County, will be enacting restrictions on all outdoor burning. As of July 10, all land clearing, residential and silvicultural burning are banned until further notice. This burn ban does not extend to federally managed lands.

Recreational campfires are allowed if built in improved fire pits in designated campgrounds, such as those typically found in local, county, and state parks and in commercial campgrounds. On private land, campfires are permitted with the landowner's permission if built in an approved manner:

- In a metal, stone or masonry lined fire pit such as those seen in approved campgrounds.
- They may not exceed three feet in diameter,
- They must have an area at least ten feet around them cleared of all flammable material and at least 20 feet of clearance from overhead fuels.
- Campfires must be attended at all times by a responsible person at least 16 years old with the ability and tools to extinguish the fire; a shovel and either five gallons of water or a connected and charged water hose.

Completely extinguish campfires by pouring water or moist soil in them and stirring with a shovel until all parts are cool to the touch. The use of self-contained camp stoves is encouraged as an alternative.

### **For more information on local fire restrictions**

**Department of Natural Resources:** Pacific Cascade Regional Office (360) 577-2025

**Lewis County:** Fire Marshal's Office (360) 740-1132

For daily updates on burn restrictions, call 1-800-323-BURN or visit DNR's website at: [www2.wadnr.gov/burn-risk](http://www2.wadnr.gov/burn-risk) then click on fire information in the far right corner. You can also check with Southwest Clean Air Agency: For Clark, Cowlitz and Lewis County call 1-800-633-0709 or visit their website at [www.swcleanair.org](http://www.swcleanair.org).

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